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From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3444

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by "Jose V. Gavila" <eb5agv@ctv.es>

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Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 17:07:44 -0600
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Jay H. Miller" <jay@kk5im.com>
Subject: CU-872A/U Antenna Coupler For Sale
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

This rack-mounted coupler was used at a short station near Algoa, Texas (I've forgotten the call sign).

It will connect up to 8 receivers to one antenna with no loss in signal. Great for your listening post. I have no use for it these days. Fully restored, perfect panel and has manual. Tube amplifiers with 6922s.

Asking \$225 plus shipping. Pixs and info at:

<http://www.kk5im.com/coupler.html>

Thanks!

***** jay@kk5im.com *****
Jay H. Miller, KK5IM Dallas, Texas
NRA * ARRL * AMI#846 * DXCC * S.A.S.S. #34,692
32=B0 AASR * MVPA #25,180
Website: <http://www.kk5im.com>
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Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 19:12:49 -0500
From: Ralph Ilowite <rilowite@optonline.net>
Subject: Kenwood TL922
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Looking for any hints, kinks, general knowledge about these amps. Serial info-ups and downs, mods, will it cover warc bands, how about 5mhz, etc::: Ralph; W2GKG

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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How old is it?
Would appreciate the alignment procedure on the the tuner.
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Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 23:18:54 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Dating Heath Kit Tuner-Preamp.- Amp.
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From: "russ dworakowski" <wb3fau@hotmail.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Dating Heath Kit Tuner-Preamp.- Amp.
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 11:33:49 -0500
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed
Message-ID: <F43ETmXuldbjZj8RfDy0000495f@hotmail.com>

For info and manuals try- www.theheathkitshop.com/index.html

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Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 12:03:55 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Richard Post <postr@ohiou.edu>
Subject: BC-342 query
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Just finished repairs/ restoration on a BC-342. (Multiple problems,
story and pix at:

<<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/BC342.htm>>

The unit is paint-labeled above the nomenclature plate as:

MFP
MWO 11-850-1-3 SIG. 27
SPECIAL MOD.
TB SIG.-213

Does the note refer just to the Moisture Fungus Proofing or is there
some special mod in this one?

Thanks for info,

Rich KB8TAD

<<http://switch.to/BA>>

Message-Id: <3.0.3.32.20030204150230.023dfa20@pop-server.nc.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 15:02:30 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@nc.rr.com>
Subject: link to pix of mystery amp. Help requested
Mime-Version: 1.0

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I'm trying to identify and revive a beautiful HB desktop HF amp (2 x 4CX150s) that I obtained with zero documentation. If you have a moment, please point your browsers to:

<http://www.old-radios.com/amp/amp.html>

I would appreciate any pointers to information on this (if it's built from published plans) and / or suggestions on carefully bringing it to life, given a lack of information.

Whoever built this did a fantastic job. I'd like to give it a good home.

Thanks for the look,
John

John Brewer - K5MO
AMI #24
Clayton NC
johnmb@nc.rr.com

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 17:03:47 -0600
Subject: Re: [Boatanchors] INFLATION
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From: jackiv@juno.com

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Jack Iverson ABU-BEKR Sioux City, IA. jackiv@juno.com

On Tue, 4 Feb 2003 14:45:04 -0600 "Barry Williams"

<bwilliams@fountainhead-group.com> writes:

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> KD5VC

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Todd Bigelow - PS" <tbigelow@pop.state.vt.us>

> To: "Carl Huether" <km1h@jeremy.mv.com>

> Cc: <Boatanchors@mailman.qth.net>

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Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 18:19:55 -0500

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: john <johnmb@nc.rr.com>

Subject: Re: [Boatanchors] INFLATION

Mime-Version: 1.0

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Much of that collection was sold on Ebay by the Shriners.
John K5MO

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>Version: 6.0.449 / Virus Database: 251 - Release Date: 1/27/03
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Many Merci's for the quantity and quality of answers concerning the =
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Best regards to all of you.

Andre

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Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 08:13:08 -0600
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Rodger Singley <rbsingl@ilstu.edu>
Subject: R-392 glowing knobs
Mime-Version: 1.0
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boundary="===== _2384128==_ .ALT"

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I received the "used, repairable with replacement knobs and meter" R-392 from Fair yesterday and it seems to be in great mechanical shape and was very well packed (even though it probably didn't need to be given the ruggedized nature). For those tracking serial numbers it is from Decitron on contract FR36-039-N-6-00081(E) serial # 847. It appears complete and clean though it was in need of lubrication and 3 of the cam followers were not rotating but seem okay after a bit of cleaning and synthetic oil. This is the first Decitron product I have come across but the build quality looks fine.

I was surprised that the replacement knobs have the "glowing" paint markers. The paint appears to be in very good shape but I coated them with clear lacquer for added safety. Any list knowledge on any other special cautions with these other than not chewing on or inhaling the paint?

Now on to building a 28 V supply as the largest low variable voltage supply I have is only rated (and fused) for 1.5 A even though it is a 60+ pound boatanchor.

Rodger WQ9E

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From: Morris Odell <MorrisO@vifp.monash.edu.au>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: R-392 glowing knobs
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 08:34:39 +1100
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"

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> markers.

My R-392 had knobs with stained white markers. Before I knew about any possible radiation hazards I refinished them which included wire brushing out the old filler and replacing it with white paintstick material from AES. It looks great now. A year or so later I found myself building a little Geiger counter which revealed that the meter in the R-392 is the "hottest" of all my various boatanchors. Fortunately it is untouched. My workshop area where I buffed the knobs tests clean but sometimes I wonder.....

Incidentally the carrier level meter on the R-390A (EAC 1967, original meters) is moderately radioactive but the line level meter has no activity at all. The two meters on the CV-157 are radioactive but less than any of the others. I haven't yet detected any radioactivity on any other boatanchor

item or tube.

Morris

Message-Id: <4.1.20030205153525.009329b0@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 15:35:36 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Bob Ragain <rragain@att.net>
Subject: Fwd: Re: R-392 glowing knobs
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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> Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 15:31:49 -0700
> To: rbsing1@ilstu.edu
> From: Bob Ragain <rragain@att.net>
> Subject: Re: R-392 glowing knobs
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> Hi Rodger,
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> Does your Decitron have the solid state audio output module? Dubrow PT0? Is
> there a date on the ID plate? Do any of your modules have production dates?
> You probably know the Decitron contract was possibly the last of R-392's.
>
> I also have a Decitron R-392. This one was reportedly an over-run on the
> Decitron final production run. It has no ID tag (so no serial number) and
> had never been mechanically or electrically aligned. After alignment, it has
> worked very well. With the solid state module the current requirement is
> reduced, and it runs much cooler.
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From: "David L. Thompson" <thompson@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: old rigs and where they went
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:47:37 -0500

The thread about the boatanchors at the Museum seems to have been repeated over and over.

I remember when the vintage gear at ARRL HQ was moved to the attic as they said they did not have room. That Museum director certainly does not stay current as she should have known old radio gear has become valuable. There are people in Atlanta and nearby states who run ads in the local newspapers for old estates of any type of radio gear (ham, broadcast, test gear et al). Its sad that some of the old gear probably got dumped in the past.

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Dave K4JRB

Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 19:37:53 -0500 (EST)
From: "Marty's Refl. Drop" <polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
Message-Id: <200302060037.TAA08518@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: SJ rcvr fix via T-R switch swap

I questioned how swapping a TR switch would give back 20db of system gain when all's that's there are 2 electro(duct)ions & some gas.

Tom comes back with

> I talked with a guy today that said the failure mode is excess gas that causes ionization to the point where the receive signal starts getting treated like the TX signal, e.g. attenuated.

My response was AW, C'MON!!!

Talked to a pal that worked on solid state PIN T-R switches for 1960 StarWars Nike Zeus. This is a physics-type & he reports the reason for PIN switch need was spark-gap T-Rs sputter. And the sputtered metal gets on the glass insides & ruins their day.

Sputter deposition is the failure mode. NOT "excess gas that causes ionization to the point..."

Well shut my mouth, a bad 721 can poison the SJ. It's twoo, it's twoo.

GREAT JOB Tom. Get a carferry pic for us. Please.

Marty

Date: Wed, 01 Jan 1997 00:15:11 -0500
From: k2kl <k2kl@optonline.net>
Subject: Trade?
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <4.3.2.7.2.19970101001244.00a94100@mail-hub.optonline.net>
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I have a Collins 75A-4 I'd be interested in trading for a nice Drake R4-C.

Anybody interested??

Glenn K2KL

73.....Glenn K2KL

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Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 07:24:44 +0100
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Jose V. Gavila" <eb5agv@ctv.es>
Subject: Re: old rigs and where they went
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Hello Dave,

I am curious about this comment:

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Why do you assume sending 'overseas' equals to losing gear???. I have
another point of view. Thanks to overseas collectors, who appreciated old
gear more than USA people did (perhaps just because here it was harder to
find), lots of BAs are still up and running instead of being dumped years ago.

Of course, just my 0.02 Euro worth.

Regards,

JOSE

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Vintage Radio: <http://jvgavila.com>

Vintage Test Equipment: <http://jvgavila.com/testeq.htm>

European Boatanchors List: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/euro_ba_swap

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